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JUNE 1, 2008 CROP ACREAGE

Alabama Statistical Office released the results based on 1228 responses from farmers surveyed throughout the state in June. Planting conditions during 2008 had been the most favorable since 2005 due to adequate rainfall across the state. As of June 8, 2008, average crop condition for **corn**, **cotton**, **soybeans** and **peanuts** was 3 percent poor, and 32 percent fair, 60 percent good and 5 percent excellent. Alabama's soil moisture condition was rated 9 percent very short and 34 percent mostly short and 56 percent mostly adequate to 1 excellent. Planted area for the four major crops (**corn**, **cotton**, **peanuts**, and **soybeans**) totaled 1,110,000 acres, 20,000 acres above 2007.

Wheat seeded acres reached the highest level since 1990 at 240,000 acres, a 120,000 acre increase over the previous year. **Peanut** acres are set at 220,000 acres, a 60,000 acres increase from 2007 the highest since 1993. Peanut condition was 61 percent mostly fair to poor and 39 percent mostly good to excellent, with 9 percent remaining to be planted. **Corn** planted acres are estimated at 250,000, down 90,000 from 2007 the lowest since 1998. High cost for inputs for corn especially nitrogen caused farmers to hold off planting. **Cotton** acres at 310,000 decreased 90,000 from 2007 due to low prices relative to other crops which caused acreage shifting to wheat, peanuts and soybeans. Cotton condition was 38 percent mostly fair to poor and 62 percent mostly good to excellent with 3 percent of the crop remaining to be planted. **Soybeans** increased 140,000 acres from last year's crop bringing the planted acres to 330,000 the highest since 1998. The soybean crop was 13 percent mostly fair to poor and 87 percent mostly good to excellent. Above average rainfall has increased optimums for farmers this year with higher prices and good conditions. As of June 8, 2008 soybeans planting was 67 percent completed 15 percent behind last year.

Bill Weaver, Director, stated that the results from the June surveys show how producers have changed their planting intentions based on weather conditions, commodity prices, and March planting intentions report.

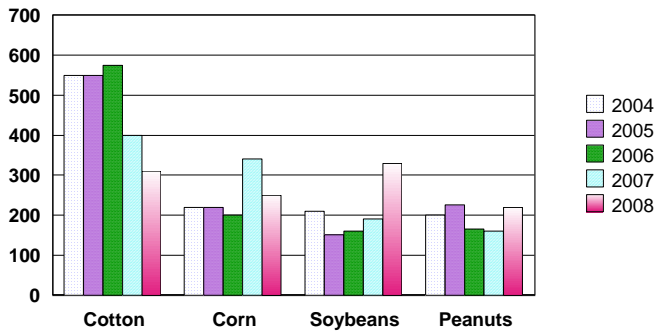
Alabama and United States: June Acreage for 2008

Crop	Alabama				United States			
	2007	Indicated 2008	2008 as Percent of 2007	2008 Harvested	2007	Indicated 2008	2008 as Percent of 2007	2008 Harvested
	1,000 Acres	Planted	Percent	1,000 Acres	1,000 Acres	Planted	Percent	1,000 Acres
Cotton	400	310	78	-	10,827	9,246	85	-
Corn	340	250	74	230	93,600	87,327	93	78,940
Soybeans	190	330	174	310	63,631	74,533	117	72,121
Peanuts	160	220	138	216	1,230	1,461	119	1,426
Grain Sorghum	12	12	100	8	7,718	7,271	94	6,405
Winter Wheat 1/	120	240	200	200	44,987	46,605	104	40,252
Hay 2/	800	850	106	-	61,625	60,439	98	-
Oats	45	45	100	20	3,760	3,467	92	1,443
Sweet Potatoes	2.5	2.8	112	2.7	100.6	104.1	103	100.8

1/ Planted previous fall. 2/ Acres for harvest.

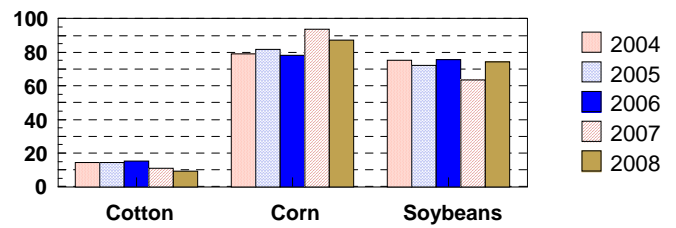
Alabama Crop Acreages Five Year Comparison (2004-2008)

Thousand Acres

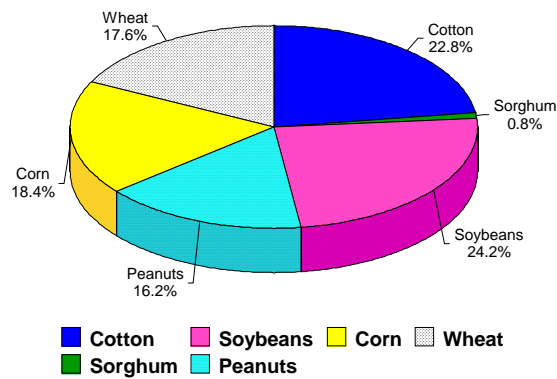


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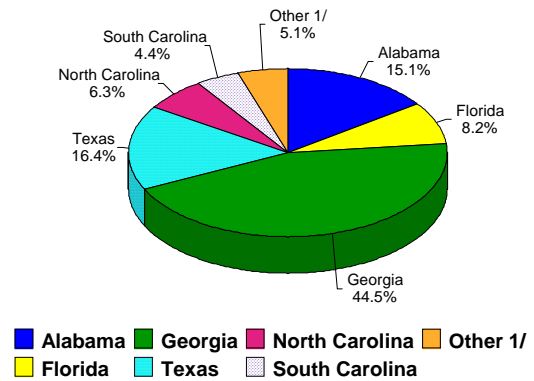
Million Acres



Alabama Principal Row Crops, 2008 1,362,000 Planted Acres



U. S. Peanuts Planted Acres, 2008 Selected States



1/ MS, NM, OK, VA